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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONDUCTOR REFUSED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO US

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1. DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF REASONS FOR SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S RECENT REFUSAL TO PERMIT ROZHDESTVENSKIY TO VISIT US IS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS DESCRIBED REFTEL. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND FROM CAMI OFFICIAL THAT DESIRE TO HAVE SON ACCOMPANY HIM STEMMED PRIMARILY FROM DESIRE TO HAVE HIM CLOSE, TO CARE FOR HIS ASTHMATIC CONDITION. SOVIET GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY COUNTERED WITH ARGUMENT THAT US CLIMATE IN SUMMER WOULD AGGRAVATE THIS CONDITION, BUT OFFERED TO PERMIT SON TO TRAVEL IF WIFE REMAINED IN USSR. ROZHDESTVENSKIY REFUSED THIS OFFER. CAMI COMPLAINED TO SOVIET EMBASSY CULTURAL COUNSELOR SAKOVICH, WHO REPORTEDLY SAID ROZHDESTVENSKIY WAS ACTING IN ARBITRARY MANNER AND HAD TO BE SHOWN THAT HE CANNOT ALWAYS HAVE HIS WAY.

2. ROZHDESTVENSKIY AND WIFE HAVE ENGAGEMENTS IN FALL 1975 ARRANGED BY CAMI. CAMI OFFICIAL SPECULATES THAT ROZHDEST-
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VENSKIY HAS DISCOVERED HE IS UNABLE TO BUDGE SOVIET OFFICIAL-
L DOM IN THIS MATTER, AND WILL COME IN FALL WITH WIFE BUT
WITHOUT SON. KISSINGER

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